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non-LSC funds by LSC recipients and to ensure that no LSC-funded entity shall engage in any restricted activities and that recipients maintain objective integrity and independence from organizations that engage in restricted activities.

§ 1610.2 Definitions.

(a) *Purpose prohibited by the LSC Act* means any activity prohibited by the following sections of the LSC Act and those provisions of the Corporation's regulations that implement such sections of the Act:

(1) Sections 1006(d)(3), 1006(d)(4), 1007(a)(6), and 1007(b)(4) of the LSC Act and 45 CFR part 1608 of the LSC Regulations (Political activities);

(2) Section 1007(a)(10) of the LSC Act (Activities inconsistent with professional responsibilities);

(3) Section 1007(b)(1) of the LSC Act and 45 CFR part 1609 of the LSC Regulations (Fee-generating cases);

(4) Section 1007(b)(2) of the LSC Act and 45 CFR part 1613 of the LSC Regulations (Criminal proceedings);

(5) Section 1007(b)(3) of the LSC Act and 45 CFR part 1615 of the LSC Regulations (Actions challenging criminal convictions);

(6) Section 1007(b)(7) of the LSC Act and 45 CFR part 1612 of the LSC Regulations (Organizing activities);

(7) Section 1007(b)(8) of the LSC Act (Abortions);

(8) Section 1007(b)(9) of the LSC Act (School desegregation); and

(9) Section 1007(b)(10) of the LSC Act (Violations of Military Selective Service Act or military desertion).

(b) *Activity prohibited by or inconsistent with Section 504* means any activity prohibited by, or inconsistent with the requirements of, the following sections of 110 Stat. 1321 (1996) and those provisions of the Corporation's regulations that implement those sections:

(1) Section 504(a)(1) and 45 CFR part 1632 of the LSC Regulations (Redistricting);

(2) Sections 504(a) (2) through (6), as modified by Sections 504 (b) and (e), and 45 CFR part 1612 of the LSC Regulations (Legislative and administrative advocacy);

(3) Section 504(a)(7) and 45 CFR part 1617 of the LSC Regulations (Class actions);

(4) Section 504(a)(8) and 45 CFR part 1636 of the LSC Regulations (Client identification and statement of facts);

(5) Section 504(a)(9) and 45 CFR part 1620 of the LSC Regulations (Priorities);

(6) Section 504(a)(10) and 45 CFR part 1635 of the LSC Regulations (Timekeeping);

(7) Section 504(a)(11) and 45 CFR part 1626 of the LSC Regulations (Aliens);

(8) Section 504(a)(12) and 45 CFR part 1612 of the LSC Regulations (Public policy training);

(9) Section 504(a)(13) and 45 CFR part 1642 of the LSC Regulations (Attorneys' fees);

(10) Section 504(a)(14) (Abortion litigation);

(11) Section 504(a)(15) and 45 CFR part 1637 of the LSC Regulations (Prisoner litigation);

(12) Section 504(a)(16), as modified by Section 504(e), and 45 CFR part 1639 of the LSC Regulations (Welfare reform);

(13) Section 504(a)(17) and 45 CFR part 1633 of the LSC Regulations (Drug-related evictions); and

(14) Section 504(a)(18) and 45 CFR part 1638 of the LSC Regulations (In-person solicitation).

(c) *IOLTA funds* means funds derived from programs established by State court rules or legislation that collect and distribute interest on lawyers' trust accounts.

(d) *Non-LSC funds* means funds derived from a source other than the Corporation.

(e) *Private funds* means funds derived from an individual or entity other than a governmental source or LSC.

(f) *Public funds* means non-LSC funds derived from a Federal, State, or local government or instrumentality of a government. For purposes of this part, IOLTA funds shall be treated in the same manner as public funds.

(g) *Transfer* means a payment of LSC funds by a recipient to a person or entity for the purpose of conducting programmatic activities that are normally conducted by the recipient, such as the representation of eligible clients, or that provide direct support to

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the recipient's legal assistance activities. *Transfer* does not include any payment of LSC funds to vendors, accountants or other providers of goods and services made by the recipient in the normal course of business.

(h) *Tribal funds* means funds received from an Indian tribe or from a private nonprofit foundation or organization for the benefit of Indians or Indian tribes.

§ 1610.3 Prohibition.

A recipient may not use non-LSC funds for any purpose prohibited by the LSC Act or for any activity prohibited by or inconsistent with Section 504, unless such use is authorized by §§ 1610.4, 1610.6 or 1610.7 of this part.

§ 1610.4 Authorized use of non-LSC funds.

(a) A recipient may receive tribal funds and expend them in accordance with the specific purposes for which the tribal funds were provided.

(b) A recipient may receive public or IOLTA funds and use them in accordance with the specific purposes for which they were provided, if the funds are not used for any activity prohibited by or inconsistent with Section 504.

(c) A recipient may receive private funds and use them in accordance with the purposes for which they were provided, provided that the funds are not used for any activity prohibited by the LSC Act or prohibited or inconsistent with Section 504.

(d) A recipient may use non-LSC funds to provide legal assistance to an individual who is not financially eligible for services under part 1611 of this chapter, provided that the funds are used for the specific purposes for which those funds were provided and are not used for any activity prohibited by the LSC Act or prohibited by or inconsistent with Section 504.

§ 1610.5 Notification.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, no recipient may accept funds from any source other than the Corporation, unless the recipient provides to the source of the funds written notification of the prohibitions and conditions which apply to the funds.

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(b) A recipient is not required to provide such notification for receipt of contributions of less than \$250.

§ 1610.6 Applicability.

Notwithstanding § 1610.7(a), the prohibitions referred to in §§ 1610.2(a)(4) (Criminal proceedings), (a)(5) (Actions challenging criminal convictions), (b)(7) (Aliens) or (b)(11) (Prisoner litigation) of this part will not apply to:

(a) A recipient's or subrecipient's separately funded public defender program or project; or

(b) Criminal or related cases accepted by a recipient or subrecipient pursuant to a court appointment.

§ 1610.7 Transfers of LSC funds.

(a) If a recipient transfers LSC funds to another person or entity, the prohibitions and requirements referred to in this part, except as modified by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, will apply both to the LSC funds transferred and to the non-LSC funds of the person or entity to whom those funds are transferred.

(b)(1) In regard to the requirement in § 1610.2(b)(5) on priorities, persons or entities receiving a transfer of LSC funds shall either:

(i) Use the funds transferred consistent with the recipient's priorities; or

(ii) Establish their own priorities for the use of the funds transferred consistent with 45 CFR part 1620;

(2) In regard to the requirement in § 1610.2(b)(6) on timekeeping, persons or entities receiving a transfer of LSC funds are required to maintain records of time spent on each case or matter undertaken with the funds transferred.

(c) For a transfer of LSC funds to bar associations, *pro bono* programs, private attorneys or law firms, or other entities for the sole purpose of funding private attorney involvement activities (PAI) pursuant to 45 CFR part 1614, the prohibitions or requirements of this part shall apply only to the funds transferred.

§ 1610.8 Program integrity of recipient.

(a) A recipient must have objective integrity and independence from any organization that engages in restricted